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DATE: March 4, 2009

TO: All Local Health Departments
Attn: Chief Food Specialist

FROM: A. Scott Gilliam, MBA, CP-FS
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SUBJECT: Goya Foods, Inc. -Undeclared Sulfites Recall

Suggested

Action: Undeclared Sulfites Recall; Dried Yellow Potato; Recommend notification to distributors and establishments that may carry these products via phone, fax or e-mail.

From the information provided by FDA, the product being recalled was distributed in the State of Indiana. The product is packaged in 12 ounce plastic bags, all production lot codes are affected and the product has been distributed nationwide. It is a product of Peru. Please notify this office at 317-233-7360 if any recalled product is found.

Goya Foods, Inc. Announces Voluntary Recall of Dried Yellow Potato (Papa Seca Amarilla)

Contact:

Goya Foods, Inc.
1-800-275-4692

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE -- February 27, 2009 -- Goya Foods, Inc. of Secaucus, NJ, is recalling its 12 ounce packages of Dried Yellow Potato (Papa Seca Amarilla), UPC 041331050562, because it contains undeclared sulfites. Consumers who have sensitivity to sulfites run the risk of serious or life-threatening allergic reactions if they consume this product.

The product is packaged in 12 ounce plastic bags, all production lot codes are affected and the product has been distributed nationwide. It is a product of Peru.

The recall was initiated after routine sampling by New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets Food Inspectors and subsequent analysis of the product by Food Laboratory personnel revealed the presence of sulfites in Goya brand Dried Yellow Potato (Papa Seca Amarilla) which were not declared on the label. The consumption of 10 milligrams of sulfites per serving has been reported to elicit severe reactions in some asthmatics. Anaphylactic shock could occur in certain sulfite sensitive individuals upon ingesting 10 milligrams or more of sulfites.

No illnesses have been reported to date in connection with this problem.

Consumers who have purchased Goya brand Dried Yellow Potato (Papa Seca Amarilla) are urged to contact Goya Foods, Inc. for a full refund. Consumers with questions may contact the company Monday through Friday between the hours of 8AM to 5PM, Eastern Standard Time at 1-800-275-4692.

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